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Senate votes to repeal Single Business Tax

LANSING – The state Senate today voted to repeal the Single Business Tax on Dec. 31, 2007, said Sen. Patty Birkholz.

Senate Republicans noted today's vote was the first step needed to start serious discussions on fixing one of the state's largest disincentives to job creation.

"While Michigan continues to be in a single-state recession, our surrounding states are experiencing economic growth," said Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township. "Repealing the SBT on Dec. 31, 2007 draws a line in the sand to begin serious discussions on how to grow our state economy without placing additional burdens on our citizens."

House Bill 5743 was amended by the Senate to prohibit the Legislature from replacing the SBT with an increase in the rate or base of taxes on individuals, including the income tax, sales tax, use tax, or real estate taxes on residences.

The Senate also amended the bill to require the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors to develop a plan by Jan. 1, 2007 to replace the SBT with business taxes that are more conducive to job creation, investment and economic growth.

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